## October 6, 2004

Re: DG 04-152, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England 2004/2005 Winter Cost of Gas/Fixed Price Option Hearing on the Merits

To the Parties:

On October 6, 2004, EnergyNorth Natural Gas d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England (KeySpan) filed in the above referenced proceeding proposed rates for its fixed price option (FPO) program for the Winter of 2004-2005. The rate calculation was done in a manner that varies from that previously approved by the Commission for the FPO program. KeySpan has also proposed an expansion of the availability of the FPO rate from 30 percent to 40 percent of KeySpan's projected Winter load. KeySpan, with the concurrence of Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate, seeks Commission approval for the above modifications to the FPO program.

The Commission has scheduled a hearing on the merits on the proposal on Friday, October 8, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. To the extent it applies, pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule 201.05, the Commission waives the fourteen day notification requirement of N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.01(a).

Very truly yours,

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